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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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SERIAL NO: 10/060,267

: **ATTN: APPLICATIONS BRANCH**

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: GROUP ART UNIT: Unknown

FOR: OPTICAL DISC FOR STORING MOVING :
PICTURES WITH TEXT INFORMATION
AND APPARATUS USING THE DISC

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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SIR:

Responsive to the notice to file corrected application papers dated March 5, 2002, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are requested. Please review for approval the attached substitute Figures 1-18 for entry as replacement for the originally filed Figures 1-18, in the above-identified application. A petition for extension of time is enclosed herewith.

REMARKS

The Office Action objected to Figures 1-18 under 37 C.F.R. 1.84(o) as containing excessive text. The objections are respectfully traversed. It is respectfully noted that MPEP 608.02 requires a "substantial correspondence" between the specification, the claims and the drawings. Further, 37 C.F.R 1.81(c) sets forth that

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specification, the claims and the drawings. Further, 37 C.F.R 1.81(c) sets forth that “drawings may include illustrations that facilitate an understanding of the invention (for example, flow sheets in cases of processes, and diagrammatic view).” It is respectfully submitted that text included in Figures 1-18 of the present invention is “not excessive” and is “necessary” to understand the claimed invention.

For example, Figure 2 of the present invention is a table to help explain a file format in storing data on an optical disc. Therefore, legends describing such a file format are essential to the understanding of the claimed invention. Likewise, Figures 3-4 include details to help explain a hierarchical structure of the stored information on an optical disc, and hierarchical structure of the management data in video information, respectively.

Thus, although the contents of the drawings may appear to be excessive, it is nevertheless essential to the understanding of the claimed invention. In view of the above, Applicant respectfully requests that the objections to the drawings be withdrawn.

Substitute Figures 1-18 enclosed with this response conform to the margins set forth under 37 C.F.R. 1.84. Entry and consideration of the substitute Figures 1-18 is respectfully requested.

Applicant believes the amendments and remarks presented hereinabove to be fully responsive to all of the grounds of objections raised by the examiner.

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Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

Filing Date Granted

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawings contain excessive text. Suitable descriptive legends may be used, or may be required by the Examiner where necessary for understanding of the drawing but should contain as few words as possible (see 37 CFR 1.84(o));

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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